

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 305

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Gary Daniel Burns, 2017
Salutatorian of William Blount High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Gary Daniel Burns is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2017 graduating class at William Blount High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Burns achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Gary Burns earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), which he served as chapter president, the Scholars' Bowl team, Junior Classical League, and Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC); and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards, Mr. Burns received a Certificate of Honorable Merit (*summa cum laude*) for Outstanding Performance on the National Latin Exam and placed first in FBLA's Tennessee Regional Conference Global Business Competition; and

WHEREAS, Gary Burns is also a member of the Boy Scouts of America; he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burns's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Gary Burns's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2017 William Blount High School Salutatorian, Gary Daniel Burns, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.